

Camping and Parking: Boulder Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests

To view the USA Pro Cycle Challenge, Saturday August 25, 2012

Stage 6: Golden to Boulder

Developed Campgrounds Along the Race Course (Peak to Peak Highway, Highway 72)

Except where noted, campsite fees are \$17 per night. Oversized sites are \$20 per night. Reservations are accepted a minimum of four days prior to arrival (a maximum of 160 days) and can be made through www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Our developed campgrounds receive heavy use during this time. Reservations are highly recommended.

- Rainbow Lakes Campground – Centrally located along the challenge route on Highway 72. This campground is five miles west on a native-surfaced road (high clearance vehicle recommended) and costs \$11 per night. No water or trash services. First-come, first-served campsites.
- Peaceful Valley Campground – On the north portion of the route where the race transitions from Highway 72 to Highway 7.
- Camp Dick Campground – On the north portion of the route where the race transitions from Highway 72 to Highway 7.

Other Nearby Developed Campgrounds

- Kelly Dahl Campground – On the south part of the Boulder Ranger District; approximately 2 to 3 miles south of the challenge route.
- Olive Ridge Campground - On the northern portion of the Boulder Ranger District; approximately 4 miles north of the challenge route.
- Meeker Park Overflow Campground – On the northern portion of the Boulder Ranger District; approximately 6 to 7 miles north of the challenge route. Campsite fees are \$9 per night. This campground has no water amenities and consists only of first-come, first service campsites.

Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is allowed on National Forest System lands. Because more than 40% of lands within the Roosevelt National Forest boundary are private or otherwise owned, a map showing land ownership is strongly recommended. The Motor Vehicle Use Map is available at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/mvum. If campfires are allowed, never leave them unattended and make sure the coals are cold to the touch before leaving. Keep your camp clean to minimize conflicts with wildlife, and pack out all of your trash.

There are two designated dispersed camping areas along the Pro Challenge route on the Peak to Peak highway (highway 72). These are:

- Caribou - This area is located 5 miles west of Nederland. Several designated camping sites can be found along four-wheel drive routes. The area is most easily accessible from Caribou Road.
- Gordon Gulch – More than a dozen campsites are located five miles north of Nederland on the Peak to Peak Highway (Highway 72).

Camping is restricted to the marked campsites in these designated camping areas and sites are available on a first come - first served basis. These campsites are free to use. Detailed maps are available upon request.

Boulder Canyon and St Vrain Canyon, both along the Pro Challenge route, as well as all trailheads and picnic areas are closed to overnight camping. For other camping restrictions, please contact the Boulder Ranger District.

Parking

Parking is available in a few pull outs along State Highways 119 (Boulder Canyon), 72 (the Peak to Peak Highway, and 7 (St. Vrain Canyon).

For more information on camping and parking opportunities along the Pro Challenge route please contact the Boulder Ranger District at 303-541-2500.

